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Custom Body Painting with a Liquid Mask

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TOOLS:

- [1" Paintbrush \(1\)](#)
- [Body Reamer \(1\)](#)
- [Permanent Maker \(1\)](#)
- [Utility Knife \(1\)](#)



PARTS:

- [RC Lacquer Spray Paint \(1\)](#)
- [Masking Tape \(1\)](#)
- [FasMask Liquid Mask \(1\)](#)
- [Traxxas Clear Polycarbonate RC Body \(1\)](#)

SUMMARY

Using a liquid mask in your painting process makes detailed customization simple. No more fighting with tape or makeshift masks. The liquid mask cuts away with a utility knife, exposing only the details you want to paint; meaning whatever design you can cut you can color.

Step 1 — Custom Body Painting with a Liquid Mask



- We got a Slash VXL 2WD body in need of a wicked paint job.
- To get the job done we also grabbed:
 - Two cans of lacquer RC Car Paint, we chose black and orange.
 - Fasmask Liquid Mask
 - Paintbrush
 - Permanent Marker
 - Utility Knife

Step 2



- Draw an outline of your design using a permanent marker.
 - Marking the center of the body and the body post hole positions will help ensure your design is even.



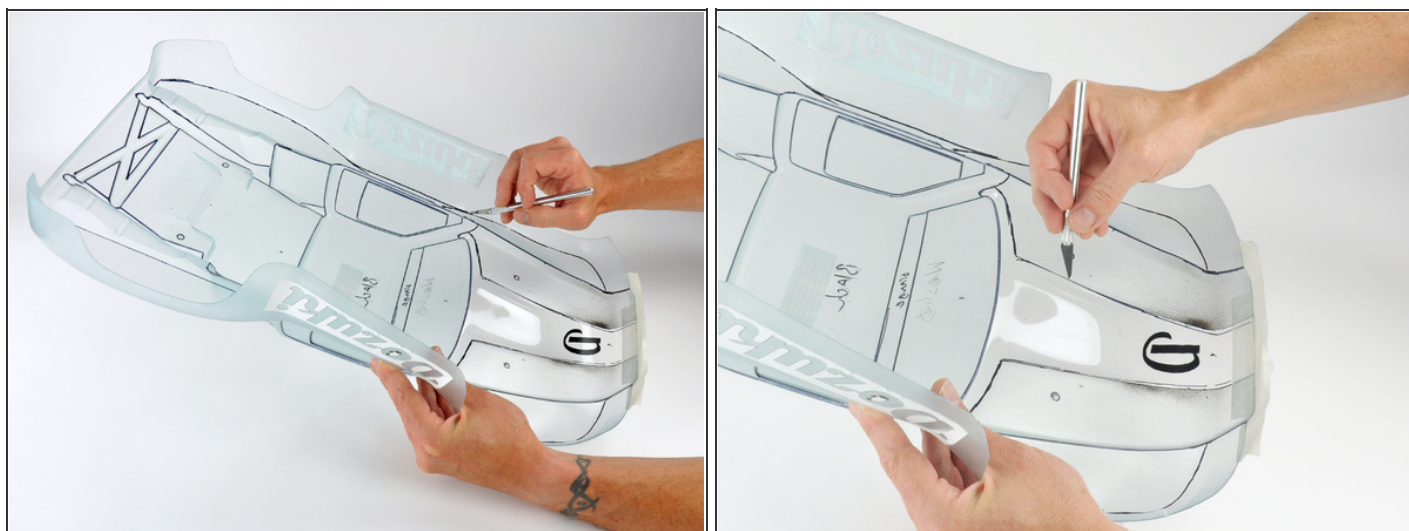
Step 3



- Apply the mask to the underside of the body in a thin even coat.
 - Be sure to completely cover the body, including the crevices.
- Allow the coat to dry.
- Repeat this step, applying thin coats, until the body has a thick even coat. This usually takes 2-3 coats.



Step 4



- Using a utility knife, cut along the lines of your design. Only cut the pieces that will be your first color.
 - Having a sharp or new blade in your utility knife will make cutting the mask easier.
- Only cut through the mask, do not cut into the body.
- Each color will have this process repeated.

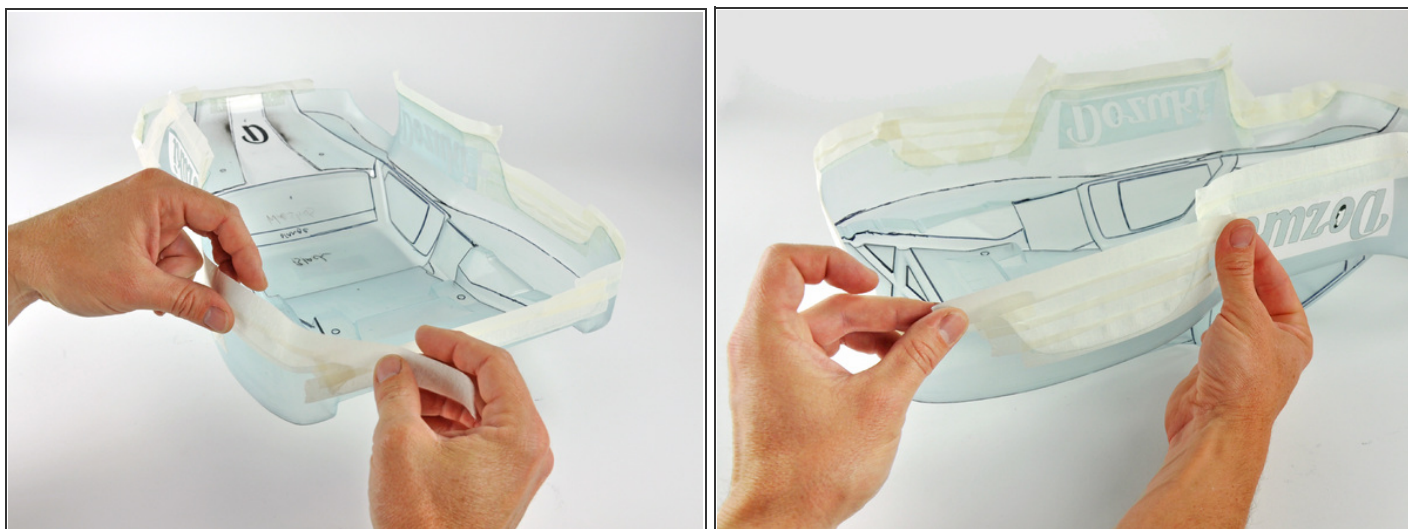


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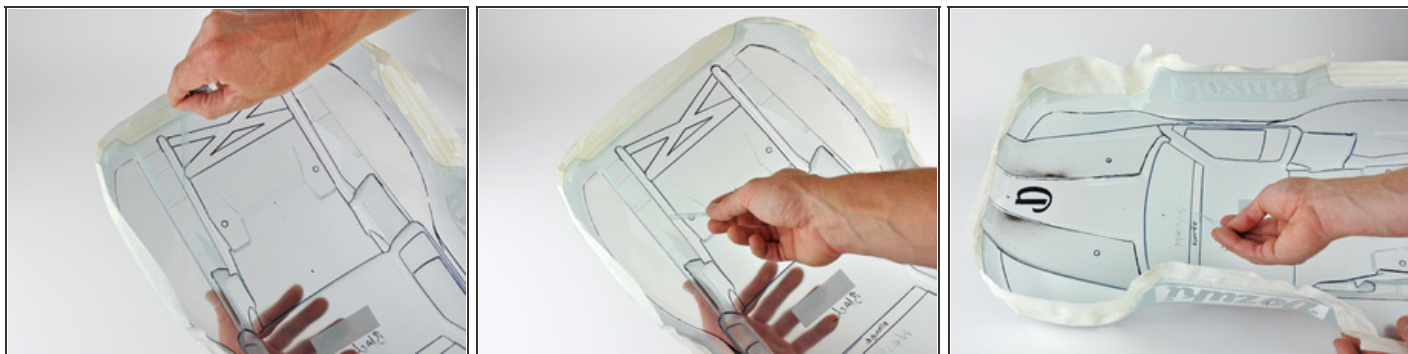
- Mask off the outer edge of the body with masking tape to prevent overspray.

Step 6



- Work your way around body, continuing to mask the edge with tape.
- Add several layers over the wheel wells to prevent paint overspray.

Step 7



- Peel off the mask on the areas that will be your first color.
- Go slow, so that you don't tear the mask.
- Keep your utility knife handy for any pieces of the mask that are sticking.



Step 8



- Unleash your first color on the inside of the body. Spray a full even coat.
- Allow the paint to dry completely.
- If there are areas where the paint is looking thin, apply a second coat.

Step 9



- Peel away the mask from all the parts you would like to be your second color. You may need to use your utility knife to recut some of the lines that were previously scored.
- Pulling slowly with even tension helps to prevent the mask from tearing, allowing it to come off in larger pieces.



Step 10



- Apply your second color to the underside of the body.
- As before, apply a full, even coat.
- Allow the paint to dry completely, and apply a second coat.
- Repeat steps nine and ten in this guide for any additional colors.

Step 11

- Make body post holes using a body reamer. Start by centering the body reamer directly over one of the recessions in the body for the post hole.
- Turn the reamer, puncturing the body, stopping when the hole is approximately two-thirds of the correct size.
- Flip the body over and reposition the reamer in your started hole. Continue expanding the hole to the desired size to fit the body post.
 - Working from both sides prevents burrs and produces a clean hole.
- Repeat this step for all for body post holes.



Step 12



- Don't forget to add your Traxxas decals.
- You are now ready to mount the body onto the chassis and show off your new custom paint job.

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